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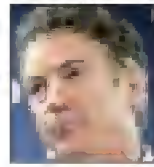


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## PAUL SUSPENDS CAMPAIGN

**1** Republican Rand Paul suspended his presidential bid Wednesday after his small-government campaign failed to gain traction with voters. The U.S. senator from Kentucky was the second Republican candidate, behind former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, to drop out of the race since Monday's night's Iowa caucuses. That contest launched the parties' process to nominate candidates for the November election. **REUTERS**



## SOMALIA PLANE BLAST

**2** Investigators believe a bomb probably caused the onboard explosion that forced an Airbus A321 to return to the Somali capital of Mogadishu for an emergency landing this week, U.S. government sources said Wednesday. One man was killed by the blast Tuesday on the Daallo Airlines plane, officials said. Local authorities north of Mogadishu said the body of a man, believed to have been sucked out through the hole in the fuselage made by the blast, was found in their area. **REUTERS**

## GUILTY PLEA GUN CHARGE

**3** Real estate heir and murder suspect Robert Durst pleaded guilty to a federal gun charge in New Orleans on Wednesday, setting the stage for his return to California to face charges in the 2000 death of a longtime friend. Durst, 72, could be sentenced to seven years and one month in prison under his plea agreement, followed by three years of supervised release. **REUTERS**



## CHELSEA FIRE

**7** Fire crews battle a four-alarm fire in an apartment building on Eleanor Street in Chelsea on Wednesday. Two firefighters suffered minor injuries.



**7**  
THINGS YOU  
NEED TO KNOW

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## BOSTON HEROIN BUST

**4** Police were checking out a report of drug activity near 28 State St. when they recognized Peter Marino, 30, of Boston. When they went to talk to Marino, officers said he started shouting "Assault! Assault! Somebody tape this! The cop is assaulting me!" Officers said Marino then tried to take off while holding a package wrapped in tin foil. When they caught up to him, police said they found 105 bags of heroin weighing 88 grams in a large plastic bag. **NATE HOGAN**

## FLINT WATER VICTIMS

**5** A group of academics and activists Wednesday called on Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder to establish a compensation fund for victims of Flint's lead-contaminated drinking water, with one member of the group proposing the state set aside at least \$1 billion. The group of 200 professors and advocates, which calls itself the Experts of Color Network, said in a letter to Snyder the fund would pay for claims, health screenings and treatment for those in Flint affected by the crisis. **REUTERS**

## SEARCH FOR T MUGGER

**6** MBTA Police have released a photograph of a man they suspect mugged a 74-year-old man at Forest Hills Station. On Saturday, Jan. 9, at 2:34 p.m., a man between the ages of 20 to 25 years old, reportedly assaulted the elderly man at the transit station, stole the victim's wallet and took off running. Anyone with information is urged to contact MBTA police at 617-222-1050. **NATE HOGAN**



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# Who's on First bar strikes out

The Fenway bar has been the center of one too many acts of violence.



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The bar Who's on First is out, according to Red Sox president Sam Kennedy, who met with team officials and Fenway residents on Tuesday evening.

According to UniversalHub, the Sox started working with officials to move the bar out of Yawkey Way after an MBTA conductor was shot and killed and three

others were injured on November 26.

Jephthe Chery was a Commuter Rail conductor and a Hyde Park resident who was killed as he left the bar.

The other victims were three men, all in their 20s, who had wounds that police said were not life-threatening.

Two women were also shot leaving Who's on First in September.

The Boston Licensing Board ruled that the bar was not responsible for the shootings, despite the spot's dangerous reputation.

It's not yet clear when the bar will close its doors for good.

## Bulger's girlfriend to plead guilty to contempt charge

The longtime girlfriend of former Boston mob boss James "Whitey" Bulger is expected to plead guilty on Wednesday to contempt of court charges for refusing to testify whether anyone helped the couple during their 16 years on the run.

Catherine Greig, 64, pleaded guilty in 2012 to charges of identity fraud and harboring a fugitive during her long years in hiding with Bulger, who fled Boston in 1994 after a corrupt FBI agent warned him that arrest was imminent.

She was sentenced to serve eight years in federal prison for those crimes and could face additional prison time for contempt. Federal law sets no maximum

sentence for that charge.

Bulger, 86, was found guilty in 2013 of murdering or ordering the killings of 11 people while he ruled Boston's underworld as the notorious leader of the "Winter Hill" crime gang in the 1970s and 80s.

His run atop the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted List" ended in 2011 when agents arrested the pair at their California apartment building.

Bulger's 2013 trial highlighted his dealings with the FBI's Boston office, where fellow Irish-American agents turned a blind eye to Bulger's crimes in exchange for information they could use against the Italian-American mafia, then a top FBI target. **REUTERS**



Who's on First Bar on Yawkey Way. NICOLAUS CZARNECKI



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# Build your own ramp

Converse, Orchard Conservatory invite you to leave your mark on the indoor temporary skate park at POP Allston.

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The Orchard Conservatory, Allston's unusual free, indoor skate park, is opening its doors next week-end to young designers — inviting them to learn how to make do-it-yourself skate obstacles for the space. Participants will be shown how to make concrete skating structures from scratch, organizers said.

Once complete, the obstacles will be added to the array of ramps, rails and skateable undulations at the park, which occupies two floors of the temporary space at POP Allston on Brighton Avenue. Young skaters have



Chris Botsch of Pembroke skates at the Orchard Conservatory on Wednesday. **NICOLAUS CZARNECKI**

lots to gain by taking part, said Tom Dupere, one of the skate park designers leading the workshop.

"Everything from learning some basic construction skills that can be applied to their own DIY skate spots, to the feeling of some good, old-fashioned hard work," he told Metro in an email. "Everyone will have the chance to take pride in

the reward of riding their skateboards on something they personally built and worked hard for."

Converse, the shoe company newly headquartered in the city and hoping to make an impression on young Bostonians with a slew of guerrilla marketing efforts, is sponsoring it. Converse has also helped fund the

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# at Allston skate park



Converse collaborations help in a bigger effort to boost the skate community's profile and make Boston more welcoming to skaters.

Bachmin said the Orchard-sponsored park and its skating lessons program have been "a 100 percent success," attracting new skaters as young as 5 and veterans over 40 and stoking interest in new skate spots. He said Orchard is also working with the city on a new skate park feasibility study.

Because once the day-long DIY project next weekend is done, the concrete creations won't be there long. The facility, and its quirky upstairs skate park, will stay open only as long as its owner, developer Eden Properties, lets POP Allston use the space. Some will live on. When the conservatory closes, Bachmin plan to move some of the skating equipment to to-be-determined spots around Boston.

And he said other real

*"Compared to many other major U.S. cities, Boston is still far behind the pack when it comes to public skate spaces."*

Armin Bachmin, Orchard skate shop's co-owner

estate developers who are "looking to support future skate endeavors," have already reached out to Orchard.

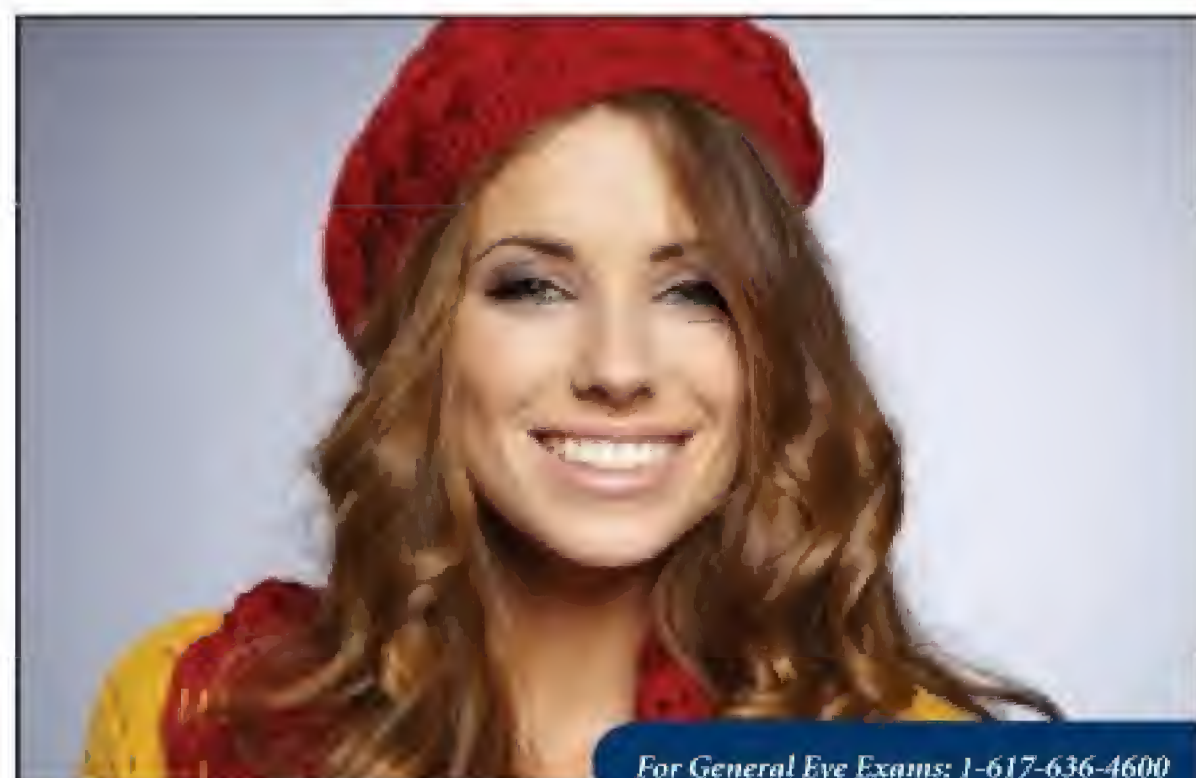
For now, though, he's excited to pass on skating's DIY spirit.

To take part in the free "DIY Skate Spot" program Saturday, Feb. 13, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., sign up online.

park, which opened in late 2015.

The Chuck Taylor sneaker-maker has led workshops around the country — which it calls the Cons Project — on "creative recycling" and how-to-make skate videos, structures, skateboard decks and indie magazines.

Armin Bachmin, Orchard skate shop's co-owner, told Metro the



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# Japan on alert over N. Korea launch plans

North Korea notified U.N. agencies of its plan to launch what it called an "earth observation satellite."

Japan put its military on alert on Wednesday to shoot down any North Korean rocket that threatens it, while South Korea warned the North it would pay a "severe price" if it goes ahead with a satellite launch that South Korea considers a missile test.

North Korea has said it has a sovereign right to pursue a space program by launching rockets, al-

though the United States and other governments suspect that such launches are in reality tests of its missiles.

"We have defenses ready to deal with all threats, but in view of the announcement I have put the Self Defense Force's Aegis destroyers and our PAC-3 units on alert and issued an order to shoot down any ballistic missile threat," Japan's defense minister, Gen. Nakatani, told a media briefing.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said he would work with the United States and others to "strongly demand" that North Korea refrain from



Soldiers walk beside PAC-3 missile launchers as they are seen in position on the grounds of the defense ministry in Tokyo. GETTY IMAGES

what he described as a planned missile launch.

Tension rose in East Asia last month after North Korea's fourth nuclear test, this time of what it said was a hydrogen bomb.

A rocket launch coming so soon after the

nuclear test would raise concern that North Korea plans to fit nuclear warheads on its missiles, giving it the capability to launch a strike against South Korea, Japan and possibly targets as far away as the West Coast.

REUTERS

## Shkreli has \$40M trading loss

Former pharmaceutical executive Martin Shkreli suffered a roughly \$40 million drop in the value of a trading account used to secure his bail following his arrest on securities fraud charges, a federal prosecutor said on Wednesday.

At a hearing in federal court in Brooklyn, Assistant U.S. Attorney Winston Paes said the account contained mostly shares

of KaloBios Pharmaceuticals Inc., a drug company that Shkreli briefly ran.

KaloBios filed for bankruptcy in December, wiping out most of its equity value. That caused the value of Shkreli's E\*Trade brokerage account to drop to \$4 million to \$5 million, from the \$45 million level when it had been frozen, the prosecutor said.

Paes told the judge



Martin Shkreli GETTY IMAGES

that Shkreli may need to post new assets to secure his \$5 million bond, which was issued following the 32-year-old's arrest in December. REUTERS

**BRIEF**

### Judge declines to toss Cosby sex assault case

A Pennsylvania judge refused to dismiss a sexual assault case against Bill Cosby on Wednesday, clearing the way case against him to move toward trial. Attorneys for Cosby had argued that he could not be prosecuted due to an agreement reached with a former Montgomery County district attorney. But Pennsylvania Common Pleas Court Judge Steven O'Neill dismissed the immunity claim after a two-day hearing. REUTERS

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# Obama, in mosque visit, says an attack on Islam is an attack on all faiths



President Barack Obama greets attendees in an overflow room after speaking at the Islamic Society of Baltimore, in Windsor Mill, Maryland, on Wednesday.

President Barack Obama visited a U.S. mosque Wednesday and declared that attacks on Islam were an attack on all faiths in a move to counter rhetoric from Donald Trump and other Republican presidential candidates that have alienated Muslims.

"We have to understand that an attack on one faith is an attack on all our faiths," Obama said at a mosque outside Baltimore. "When any religious group is targeted we all have a responsibility to speak up."

Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump has called for a temporary ban on Muslims entering the United States after a California couple who killed 14 peo-

ple last December were described by authorities as radicalized Muslims inspired by Islamic State militants.

Republicans vying to be the party's candidate for the Nov. 8 presidential election also have argued against Obama's plan to accept 10,000 refugees fleeing Syria's war, saying it raised national security risks.

The president, who is a Christian, said it was important to have more Muslim characters portrayed on television who were not related to national security themes, and he said engagement with Muslim-American communities must not be a cover for surveillance.

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*"Think of your own church or synagogue or temple, and mosques like this will be very familiar. This is where families come to worship and express their love for God and for each other."*

Obama

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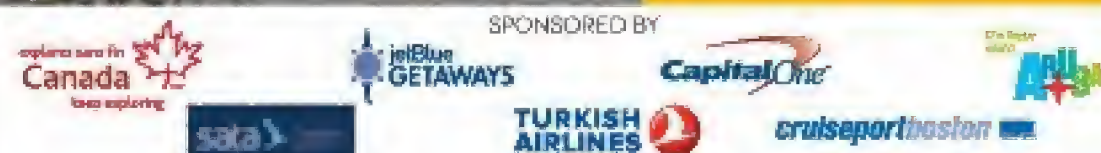
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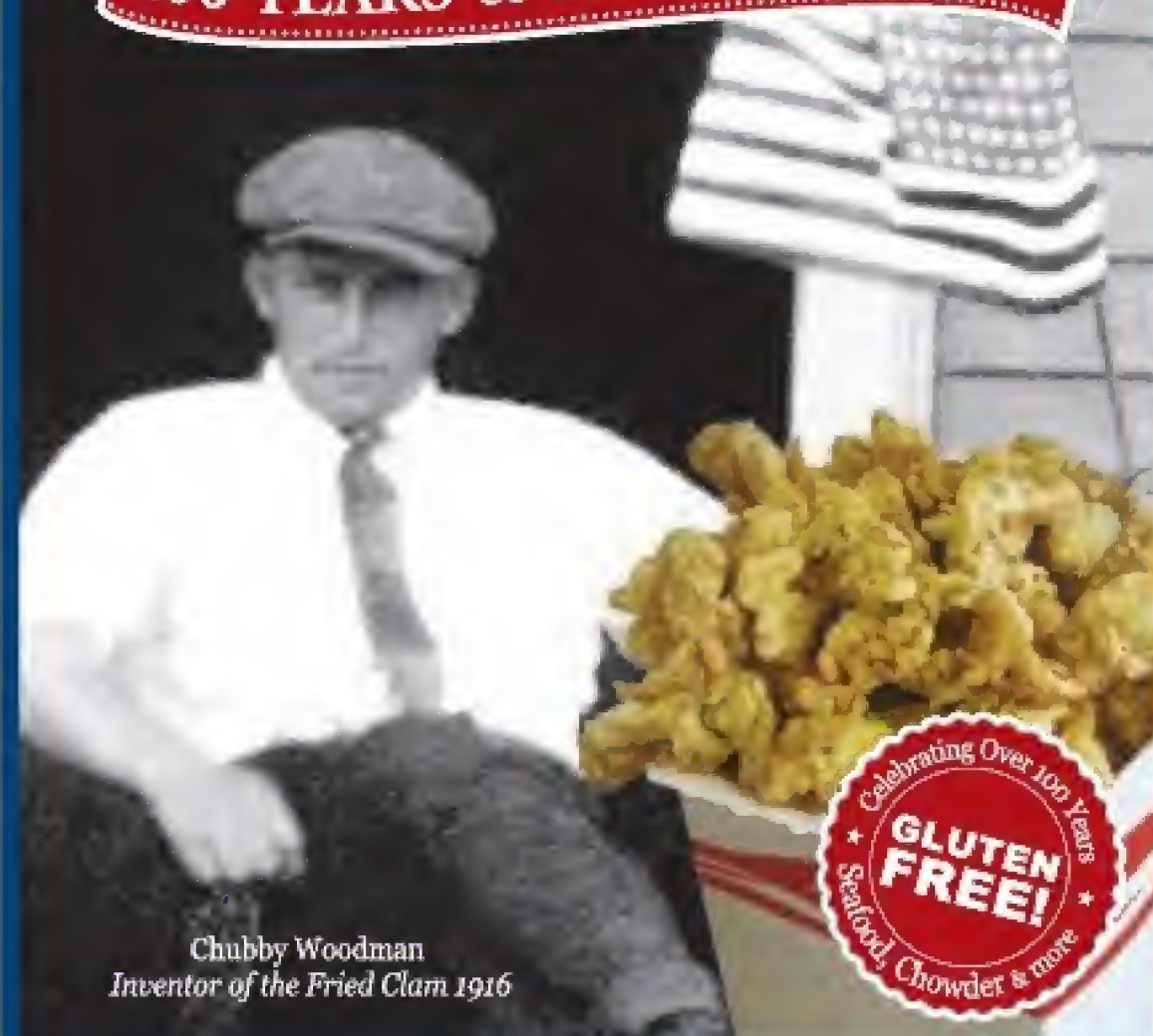
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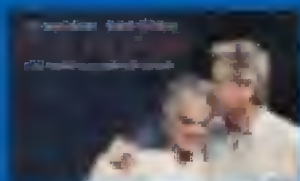
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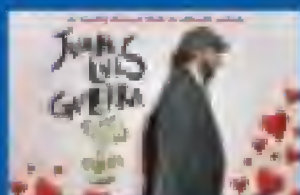






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## Hilary Duff is officially single

Two years after announcing their split, Hilary Duff and Mike Comrie's divorce has been finalized. TMZ obtained legal documents outlining all the details. The pair will have joint custody over their 3-year-old son, Luca. Plus, Duff owes Comrie a \$2.4 million settlement. She'll be the one to keep their Beverly Hills mansion, while he gets two cars — a Mercedes and a Bentley. Back in January 2014, Duff's rep said this about the split: "They remain best friends and will continue to be in each other's lives. They are dedicated to loving and parenting their amazing son, and ask for privacy at this time." Since this means Duff is officially back on the market, we're totally rooting for her to wind up with former "Lizzie McGuire" co-star Adam Lambert. Lizzie and Gordo forever.



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## Wiz Khalifa says 'everything's cool' with Kanye West

The music world can stop bracing for another schism — the Kanye West-Wiz Khalifa feud is officially dunzo. West first called a truce when tweeting Tuesday: "Me and Wiz spoke yesterday. Great convo. All positive." Then, Khalifa cleared the air even more during a radio interview. The "See You Again" rapper told Power

105.1, "I think everybody was [surprised] but it's cool, everything's cool, we spoke, it's all good. ... I accept his apology." He also acknowledged the Kim Kardashian and Amber Rose selfie that got everyone talking. Khalifa said, "Her and Kim spoke and they're all good, too." Does this mean a double date is on the horizon? Fingers



crossed. When the talk show host commended how he handled the whole debacle, Khalifa joked, "I'm like the Bob Marley of this." Definitely a fitting analogy.



**Kanye West**

Me and Wiz spoke yesterday. Great convo. All positive.



**Ru Paul**

3 Things: Be on time, be prepared and don't complain.



**Mark Duplass**

And on Day 20, suddenly, the beard stopped itching.

## Selena Gomez is 'so done' with Bieber

Anyone still hoping for a Jelena reunion should give up those dreams ASAP. In the March issue of W magazine, Selena Gomez admits she's totally over ex Justin Bieber. Gomez says, "I'm so exhausted. I honestly am so done. I care about his health and well-being. But I can't do it anymore." The "Same Old Love" singer shared what it's like having her love life in the spotlight. "At first I didn't care," Gomez tells the magazine. "To me, it was: I'm 18, I have a boyfriend, we look cute together, we like that. Then I got my heart broken and I cared. Because people had no idea what was going on." Given all the times the pair supposedly broke up and made up between 2011 and 2015, it was pretty confusing to follow along. Since Gomez, Bieber has been rumored to be dating Hailey

Baldwin and hooking up with Kourtney Kardashian, although neither relationship was confirmed and both seemingly fizzled out. And Gomez was last reported to be cozying up with Niall Horan. Is it crazy we still think they're not officially done?



## 'Hamilton' is heading to the Grammys



Musical theater is typically underappreciated at the Grammys, but this year "Hamilton" is getting a turn in the spotlight. The cast of the crazy popular Broadway show will perform its opening number during the show Feb. 15. "We've never done any live performances in front of a televised audience," "Hamilton" producer Jeffrey Seller tells USA Today. While it's a huge honor to perform at the Grammys, the cast

is making the awards show come to them as to not get in the way of any of their scheduled performances—so don't worry, your lottery tickets are still safe. Instead of flying out to Los Angeles to perform at the Staples Center, where the Grammys are taking place, the performance will be broadcast live from the Richard Rodgers Theater in New York. "Once they said, 'We'll come to you,' we knew it would work," Seller says. EMILY LAURENCE



# Teresa Palmer and Ben Walker explain 'Netflix and chill'

The stars of "The Choice" discuss an ideal Valentine's Day.



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Teresa Palmer and Ben Walker's characters in "The Choice," out this weekend, fall in love over banter, repeating the film's signature line — "You bother me" — to a frenzy of lust over the course of a decade. The Nicolas Sparks adaptation naturally leads to tragedy and some tough conversations (and choices), ones this writer will leave for our critic to decipher the depth of on a later page.

Palmer, 29, has plenty ahead of her, including the star-studded "Triple 9," while Walker, 33, is naturally headed back to Broadway as Patrick Bateman in Duncan Sheik's musical adaptation of "American Psycho." For now, the actors are enjoying a Tuesday morning attempting to cast

themselves in their own season of "True Detective."

**Did you guys read Nicholas Sparks' novel before the film?**

**TP:** No, but I've seen all the movies. His formula works so well, and I think people love it is because they feel connected to the characters. They're not these perfect child's version of human beings. They have flaws. The way we get together in this movie is that, I'm in a relationship. There's infidelity, it's messy. It gets dark at points, and that's life. I love that he doesn't try and sugarcoat it.

**BW:** Yeah. There's a reason they call it falling in love. It's about tripping and slapping your face on the ground.

**Were you big "The Notebook" fans?**

**TP:** "The Notebook" was everything for me. I had the stationary. I had the Noah and Allie posters on my wall. I still, like two years ago, was listening



Walker and Palmer are hot and "bothered." LIONSGATE

to the soundtrack on my way to auditions. Like for more emotional ones. I would get in the zone by listening to "The Notebook" music.

**Do you have any big Valentine's Day plans?**

**BW:** Very excited about seeing "The Choice" this Valentine's Day.

**Are you really?**

**BW:** No, I'd never see my own movie on Valentine's Day...

**TP:** I totally am. I'm going on Valentine's Day and I've already organized it with people.

**BW:** Well we're pretty much like a Netflix and chill kind of a couple. Best Valentine's Day: I

cook, we do Netflix on the couch, pajamas, snuggle town.

**But what are you watching on Netflix?**

**TP:** I'm not just on Netflix, because I do like "The Affair" on Showtime. It's the best show ever. If you haven't seen it, you're going to binge watch the

first two seasons.

**BW:** And "Luther," I'm telling you now. You have to start "Luther." It's like a British "True Detective."

**You guys would be a good "True Detective" pair.**

**BW:** That's exactly what we should do.

**TP:** Oh my god. Totally.

**BW:** They're secretly in love. She's the detective and I'm like the guy who's following her around who's got a chip on his shoulder.

**TP:** See, he's a feminist

**BW:** He trusts his gut, but she knows the procedure.

**TP:** She does.

**BW:** He's shooting from the hip and she's like, "You're suspended. Give me that badge."

**TP:** Done. Let's pitch it right now. HBO and it's done.

**BW:** And we've both got mysterious tattoos.

**TP:** Yeah and we're actually not really humans.

**It's a twist!**

**BW:** Cut. Why aren't you writing this down?

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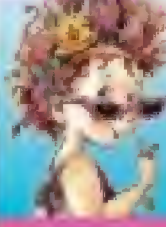
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## 50 Things to eat, drink and do for Super Bowl 50

The Pats didn't make the game, but here are 50 great reasons to still celebrate.

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**1** Davio's pastry chef Michelle Boland's salted peanut butter mousse-filled, football-shaped macaroons (\$12 for three).

**2** Night Market in Harvard Square boasts 50-cent wings with the purchase of booze.

**3** Or do takeout: They offer build-your-own green curry carnitas tacos and Dan Dan noodles for six.

**4** Rosa Mexicano's Super Bowl Guac-to-Go Party Pack (serves 10) is available for delivery.

**5** Watch the game at Precinct Kitchen + Bar with 50-cent wings and \$5 flatbread pizzas.

**6** Or head upstairs to their exclusive Apothecary Lounge for a 144-inch TV with surround sound.

**7** Canary Square in Jamaica Plain has an all-you-can eat buffet (\$18) and pitchers of Yuengling (\$12) and PBR (\$10).

**8** Shake Shack's Big Game Shack Pack (\$50) includes 10 burgers and two pints of custard.

**9** Max & Leo's coal-fired pizza place at Game On! has five-buck Margherita pizzas all day.

**10** Burlington's Chopp's Super Bowl Touchdown To-Go Package (\$50) for four includes giant tater tots, edamame 'guac, sliders and fresh shrimp cocktail.

**11** Snag your host GourmetGift-Baskets.com's Brews & Snacks basket (\$69/\$79).

**12** Drown those sorrows with the Thomas Edward Patrick Brady III at Abby Lane.

**13** Or Ward 8's Gronk Spiked Punch.

**14** Boston's Phillips Chocolates NFL Replica Chocolate Footballs (\$42.50) includes 2 pounds of milk chocolate "pigskin."

**15** And don't forget your Super Bowl 50 T-shirt from NFLShop.com.

**16** Hard Rock Cafe Boston has half-price apps and \$5 Corona Light drafts.

**17** Orleans has a free halftime buffet "while it lasts."

**18** Stay healthy with The Chubby Chickpea's kebabs for a crowd.

**19** The Harp is serving loaded tots made special for the occasion — smothered in bacon and cheese.

**20** Dine in at Salvatore's in the Seaport for unlimited wings, pizza, pasta and more for \$14.99.

**21** Or swing by Salvatore's Express next door and pick up 20 chicken-wings (\$14.99) with the purchase of any two 19-inch pizzas.

**22** Clerys has a \$25 ticket for guaranteed seating, two beers, and an app sampler plate.

**23** Or take part in their fifth annual wing-eating contest!

**24** Eat for free (with the pur-

chase of a beverage) at Papagayo by simply guessing this year's Super Bowl winners ...

**25** But if you pick the wrong team, you'll still get a free entrée on your next visit.

**26** De-stress with Mass Mobile Massage's chair massage promotion for up to 15 guests.

**27** Enter the battle zone with Tony C's Sports Bar & Grill's a four-sided jumbotron and 90 state-of-the-art TVs.

**28** Or get every angle on Jerry Remy Fenway's wall of TVs.

**29** Take bets on when Beyoncé will join Coldplay during the halftime show.

**30** Take bets on whether/when her hubs, Jay Z, will also show.

**31** Take bets on how long it'll take them to break out into "Yellow."

**32** Watch the game in Fusion Lounge and get wings, fries and a draft beer for \$15.

**33** Ditch the diet at Olde

Magoun's Saloon's all-you-can-eat BBQ Tailgate Party.

**34** Try Grafton Street's "Untraditional Poutine" (\$9) — pickled potato fries, chicken gravy and cheddar curds.

**35** Start the day with Sweet Cheeks' SB50 special, Fried Chicken and Waffles (\$15).

**36** Then hit-up the SB50 takeover menu for the game-night dinner.

**37** Kickoff on Feb. 6 with Fuse TV's "The Lineup," when Panthers wide receiver Ted Ginn Jr. reveals his music playlist.

**38** Soothe your nerves with comfort food, like \$9 gnocchi and cheese from Strip by Strega.

**39** Sip Cask 'n' Flagon's Panther Punch (Svedka Vanilla, Blue Curacao) and The Bronco (Southern Comfort, Red Bull).

**40** Head to the 'burbs: Kings Bowl at MarketStreet Lynnfield and Legacy Place is hosting a contest to win a flat-screen HDTV and big discounts on bar food, pizzas and burgers.

**41** Or at Jillian's for "The Game that Can't Be Named" party.

**42** Grab Gyu-Kaku's all-day happy hour in Brookline and Cambridge with \$4 bibimbap.

**43** Eat the \$10 game-day 'dawg trio at revamped Bukowski's.

**44** State Park's to-go party snacks — SP "Furynuts" with nacho cheese dust — will have your guests begging for more.

**45** Or order a 12-pack of Frito pies from Mei Mei's on Park Drive.

**46** Wash them down with Tasty Burger's \$50-a-dozen milkshakes.

**47** Wonder what Tom and Gisele are doing for Super Bowl 50 ...

**48** Commiserate you weren't invited to Sports Illustrated's Super Bowl party Friday night in San Francisco

**49** Take bets on whether Gronk is there ...

**50** Vow that next year the New England Patriots will return to glory and take SB51!

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## Listings

### MOVIES

#### 41st Boston Science Fiction Film Festival

Through Feb. 15  
Somerville Theater  
55 Davis Sq., Somerville  
\$13-\$125,  
BostonSciFi@gmail.com  
Bostonscifi.com

This annual festival, which claims to be the oldest genre-based film festival in the country, includes fantasy and horror films as well as science fiction fare from all over, and even a few appropriate documentaries. It all wraps up, in epic fashion, with "The Thon", described as "a 24-hour orgiastic motion picture endurance test featuring classic, new and schlock films."

#### "Dreams Rewired"

Friday through Sunday  
Brattle Theater  
40 Brattle St., Cambridge  
\$9-\$11, 617-876-6837  
Brattlefilm.org

"Our time is a time of total connection—distance is zero," says Tilda Swinton, as only Tilda Swinton can, narrating this cinematic essay on the history of modern connectivity. It's illustrated with clips from the early age of film—the 1880's to the 1930's—but it reflects on the ever more wired-up present. It looks like an eerie, thought-provoking experience.

### THEATER

#### "Back the Night"

Thursday through Feb. 28  
Boston Playwrights' Theater  
949 Comm. Ave., Boston  
\$10-\$30, 866-811-4111  
Bu.edu/bpt

This play from local luminary Melinda Lopez deals with the contemporary crisis of violence on college campuses, about which our heroine, Em, is in denial—until a close friend,

Cassie, get assaulted. So far, little else of the plot has been revealed, except for this cryptic sentence: "Sometimes you do the wrong thing for the right reason."

#### "Rent"

Friday through Feb. 21  
Back Bay Events Center  
180 Berkeley St., Boston  
\$25-\$45, 617-514-6497  
Fiddleheadtheatre.com

"Rent" is such a canonical Broadway musical today that it's easy to forget what an unexpected and game-changing success it was back in 1996. Two decades years later, its influence is still palpable, and "Seasons of Love" is still stuck in people's heads. Fiddlehead Theater celebrates the 20th anniversary of Jonathan Larson's bohemian drama with this new production.

### GOING OUT

#### SoWa First Fridays

Friday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
SoWa Boston  
450 Harrison Ave., Boston  
Free, info@sowaboston.com  
Sowaboston.com  
Every first Friday of the month, the galleries and artists of the SoWa district open their doors to the art-hungry public. Many of them also offer refreshments, so you'll have something to sip or munch on while pondering what the heck this artist was going for. Maybe they're there, and you can ask them. Otherwise, just stick to "there's nothing to get."

### ART

#### Frida Kahlo: Dos Mujeres

Through March 1  
Museum of Fine Arts  
465 Huntington Ave., Boston  
\$23-\$25, 617-267-9300  
Mfa.org  
This winter, the MFA is celebrating its acquisition of a single

### MUSIC

#### Ana Gasteyer

Saturday, 8 p.m.  
Sanders Theater  
45 Quincy St., Cambridge  
\$30-\$60, 617-482-6661  
www.celebrityseries.org  
You may not know that former "Saturday Night Live" cast member Ana Gasteyer is also a singer—among many other major musical theater credits, she spent a stint as Elphaba in "Wicked". Now she's reinvented herself as a jazz nightclub singer with a songbook of saucy adult-themed tales—and, for good measure, a jazzy rendition of Carrie Underwood's "Before He Cheats."

painting by legendary Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. An early work, and the first painting Kahlo ever sold, "Dos Mujeres" is not one of the eccentric self-portraits for which she became famous. Instead it depicts two maids who worked in Kahlo's mother's household. Nonetheless, the mysterious and dignified double portrait is unmistakably hers.

### MUSIC

#### Dark Landscapes

Thursday, 7 p.m.  
Community Music Center of Boston  
34 Warren Ave., Boston  
\$15-\$20, 617-254-4133  
Newgalleryconcertseries.org  
If you're in a more avant-garde mood, here's the latest in the New Gallery Concert Series, featuring performances from a quintet comprised of violinists Gabriela Diaz and Charles Dimmick, violist Ashe Gordon, cellist David Russell and pianist Sarah Bob, plus acoustic-electronic artist Danny Satori and bass clarinet/marimba duo Transient Canvas.

#### Magic Shoppe

Saturday, 9 p.m.  
Great Scott  
1222 Comm. Ave., Allston  
\$10, 21+, 800-745-3000  
Ticketmaster.com  
Every band with an echo box and a spaced-out vibe gets pegged as "psychedelic" these days, but local act Magic Shoppe is the genuine article—edgy but cool, eerie but inviting, they'll make you feel, as Roky Erickson put it, that you've "always been here before."

#### DO167 Winter Reggae Splash

Saturday, 8 p.m.  
The Paradise  
967 Comm. Ave., Boston  
\$16, 18+, 800-745-3000  
Ticketmaster.com  
February is always the month when winter starts to get really old, but you can transport yourself to a warmer locale with this reggae showcase, featuring headliner Mighty Mystic, plus Fear Nuttin' Band, DJ 4eign and Nomad-I. What's the occasion, you ask? The birthday of the Man himself, Bob Marley, who'd be 71 this Saturday. MATTHEW DINARD



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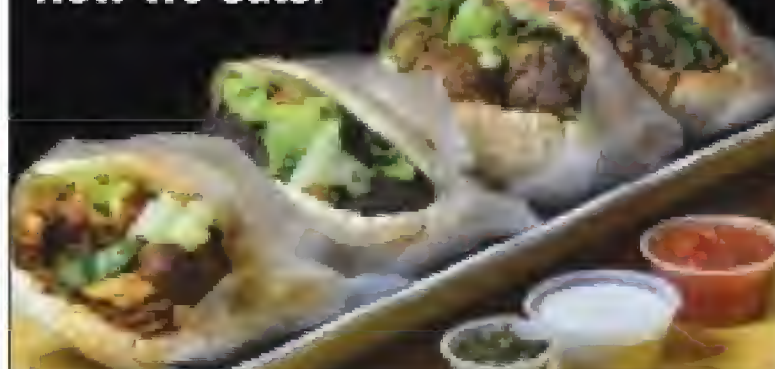
Friday, 7 p.m.  
Great Scott, 1222 Comm. Ave., Allston  
\$5, 18+, 617-566-9014  
greatscottboston.com  
The Gas presents this Brooklyn-based comedian, co-host of Fuse TV's deceptively named "White Guy Talk Show" and winner of first place at 2014's Boston Comedy Festival. Some of his best material stems from personal appearances, whether he's complaining about having a painfully unimposing physique, or laughing at white people for being easily sunburned.

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# 20 (Not boring) date ideas for Valentine's Day

Whether you're going out with your bae or your bestie, we have ideas for a weekend of love.



Valentine's Day is quickly approaching — it's a weekend this year, so no excuses — and restaurants and floral delivery shops are booking up fast. But fret not: We've got you covered. If you want to take an alternative course with the one(s) you love, here are some awesome ideas for Feb. 14, and the days surrounding.

## 1 Take a couples dance class

You'll laugh and work up a sweat as you tango,

salsa, jump and swing around the dance floor. The Boston Center for Adult Education offers packages for couples while Central Square's the Dance Complex has a host of drop-in options, from hip-hop to tango to flamenco and funk.

## 2 Make sweet, sweet poetry

The Cantab Lounge's Boston Poetry Slam group will host their annual Erotic Poetry Night on Feb. 10. Several poets, including Dawn Gabriel, Sam Cha and Meaghan Ford, will share their steamiest, most romantic and laugh-out-loud funny rhymes.

## 3 Travel back in time

Union Square's Brass

Union is traveling back in time at their Decades Dance Party on Feb. 13 and 14 with era-inspired drinks and tunes.

## 4 My Bloody Mary is "Single and Ready to Mingle"

At Outlook Kitchen and Bar in the Envoy Hotel, sample six special varieties of Bloody Marys — like the spicy and cheeky "Too Hot to Handle."

## 5 My lil' valentine

If you have a wee one, bring them to Mommy-bites Boston's child-friendly, fitness-forward event on Feb. 12 at My Gym in Newton.

## 6 Dance the afternoon away

The Valentine's Day Ball



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at the Boston Teachers Union in Dorchester will aid the Lupus Foundation of America. The ball is Feb. 6 and kids of all ages are welcome.

## 7 Single? Wine about it

Challenge each other to wine tasting at the two-day Boston Wine Expo at the Seaport World Trade Center and Seaport Hotel on Feb. 13 and 14.

## 8 Scour the MFA

You won't literally get naked at Watson's Naked at the Art Museum. Instead, you'll be searching the MFA for sculptures, paintings and other risqué artwork. It's an exploration of sexuality in art and history.

## 9 Seduce the undead

The Davis Square Theatre will host WholeTone Opera and Jillian Flexner's "La Zombiata," a (very) loose interpretation of Verdi's "La Traviata," featuring romance-seeking zombies.

## 10 Laugh out loud

The Mortified team is coming to The Coolidge Theatre to share awkward, hilarious stories of first (and failed) love on Feb. 11.

## 11 Forget about heartbreak

Comedy duo Thorns will be performing improv, storytelling, standup and songs on Feb. 14 at ImprovBoston. Here, you'll laugh along to stories of heartbreak and loss and know that you aren't alone. Proceeds will go to the Tucker Gosnell Center for Gastrointestinal Cancers at Massachusetts

General Hospital.

## 12 Gift these rambunctious cookies

Messages range from outrageous to sweet, some asking your lover to "tickle my pickle," others wanting you to "be mine." They're a delicious bite of sugar topped with sass. Cookies are available from Commonwealth Market Feb. 11 – 14 for \$5.

## 13 Find your "muse"

Cater to your artistic palate by taking a couples art class (\$35-\$55) at Muse Paintbar. With help from a local artist, dates will paint on their respective canvases. At the end of the night, the two paintings will come together to form one large art piece.

## 14 Handcraft some posies

Learn how to arrange a unique bouquet for your honey at the Flower Arranging Workshop for Men at Shake Shack (\$65) on Chestnut Hill on Feb. 13 from 10-11:30 a.m. Alice's Table, an experiential floral company with a pop-up in the shopping center, will instruct.

## 15 Take a cooking course

Test your culinary skills with a cooking class at the Joyful Kitchen Cooking School in Wellesley. Here, a professional chef will teach you the steps toward making a romantic four-course meal.

## 16 Pucker up

The Independent in Union Square will be serving a series of rare sour beers, including Flash Passion Fruit Kicker

and Allagash Nancy and Astrid, for their My Sour Valentine Brunch on Feb. 14. Three-buck grilled grapefruits sweeten the deal.

## 17 Eat out

While it's fun to spice up the holiday with an unusual activity or gift, a delicious dinner served to you is always a treat. A number of restaurants are offering price-fixed Valentine's Day dinners. Among them are Bar Boulud, Strega Prime and Serafina Boston. All you have to do is decide what to eat.

## 18 Write your own love story

WGBH and Massmouth are hosting their annual Taste of Love story slam at WGBH studios on Feb. 13. In its sixth year, the storytelling event will also dish out snacks from area restaurants and a signature cocktail.

## 19 Relax and release

A number of spas offer Valentine's Day specials. Bella Sante has a couples massage with chocolate and champagne while Southwest Day Spa has a poetry for two package that consists of a couples massage and an aromatherapy facial.

## 20 Give back

Instead of buying an expensive gift, spend this Valentine's Day giving back to the community at the Greater Boston Food Bank or Boston Medical Center. You and your valentine(s) can spend the day working together and feel great that you're supporting the local area.

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# 5 Reasons to visit Venice this winter



Venice Carnival JP BENNETT

Take advantage of the low season.

## Fodor's Travel

Winter isn't exactly peak season for tourism in Venice — and that's exactly why it's the best time for you to visit. Unlike summer, when the city belongs to out-of-towners, La Serenissima in winter is deserted, quiet and, yes, serene. If the mist-shrouded canals and melancholy romance aren't enough of a draw, rooms at luxe hotels like The Gritti Palace and the Baglioni Hotel Luna are available for a fraction of their high-season rates, while landmarks like St. Mark's Basilica sit blissfully empty. There's still plenty of excitement, if you seek it: Carnival kicked off on Jan. 23, breathing life into the city's sleepy streets with food, music and dancing. Sure, Venice is enchanting any time of year — but go now, while you can have it all to yourself.

### Venice Carnival

From Jan. 23 through Feb. 9, La Serenissima sloughs off its winter gloom and comes alive for Carnival, an annual open-air festival that fills the city with music, dancing and masked party-goers. There are events every day — from colorful boat parades on the banks of Cannaregio to masquerade balls — but the highlight of Carnival is the world-famous masked costume contest that takes place in Piazza San Marco on Feb. 7. Also not to be missed: The King's Banquet, a nightly feast held at Venice's magnificent historic shipyard, Arsenale (tickets must be booked online in

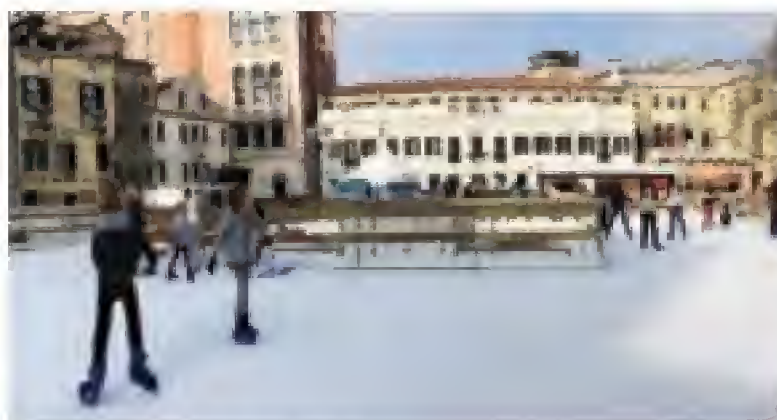
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### Campo San Polo Ice Rink

Every winter, from the beginning of December until the end of Carnival, Venice's largest square, Campo San Polo, is turned into a gigantic ice-skating rink. The ovoid rink, which can accommodate up to 200 skaters, features a decorative ice sculpture at its center and is flanked by market stalls selling food, mulled wine, and local arts and crafts. A day pass to the rink is quite reasonable for Venice: €10 for adults and €8 for children, with rental skates included. Pro tip: Visit after dark to avoid the crowds and skate amid the glittering city lights.

### Caffè Florian

Being Italy's oldest coffee house, opened in 1720, the iconic Caffè Florian is worth visiting any time of year. But during the chilly, dark days of winter, its plush red velvet banquettes and warm ambiance are especially enticing. What you're here for is the hot chocolate: It's thick, creamy and ganache-like, served in a porcelain cup with biscotti for dipping.



San Polo Ice Rink COURTESY OF VELA SPA

It's no wonder that literary greats like Casanova, Goethe, Proust and Dickens were said to be regulars, finding inspiration in the cafe's charming atmosphere and belly-warming beverages (try Casanova's namesake hot chocolate, topped with mint cream and chocolate shavings).

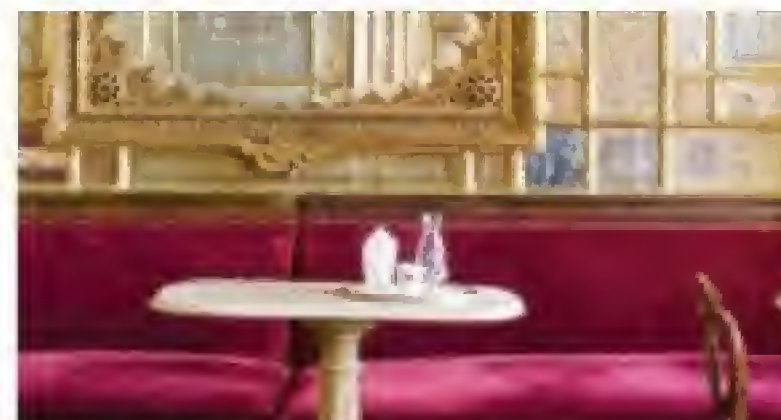
### St. Mark's Basilica

There's no denying the magnificence of St. Mark's Basilica, Italy's most famous Byzantine cathedral, even when it's packed with tourists. But in the off-season, when it's deserted? Downright magical. You don't have to line up for hours for a peek at its glittering cupolas and priceless relics, or fight through a suffocating crush of tourists to admire the lavish, gem-studded Pala d'Oro high altar. On those chilly winter mornings, you'll have the basilica — and its 40,000 square feet of gold-backed mosaics — practically to yourself.

### Gondola rides

A gondola ride might not sound appealing in below-freezing temperatures, but winter is actually the most romantic time to hop on board. From December through February, the canals are hauntingly

quiet, shrouded in mist and illuminated by soft, hazy winter light — like a scene straight out of a movie. Steer clear of the congested Grand Canal, which is best seen by the cheaper traghetto ferries anyway, and head for the gondola stops along the small, narrow side canals for a more tranquil and authentic experience. Added bonus: Being low season, it's much easier to broker a lower price with your gondolier (you can likely knock €5 to €10 off the steep €80 average for a 30-minute ride). KRISIANNE FORDHAM



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Bowl 50.

## National anthem length: 2:20

We are taking the under. The tendency is usually to take the over with the assumption that the anthemist — in this case Lady Gaga — will milk it and take her time. But the adrenaline factor is a palpable one and forces a singer to speed up a bit. The average in recent years was 1:57.

**Our pick:** Under

## Peyton Manning passing yards: 235.5

Peyton Manning has not been posting the inflated numbers he did earlier in his career, and the over-under is pretty spot on based on his

performance this season. However, we expect the Panthers to have the lead in this one, which would create a lot more passing for Denver in this one. He'll eclipse the over.

**Our pick:** Over

## Von Miller total sacks: .5

There has been quite some hype about Miller rushing Cam Newton during the ramp-up to the Super Bowl. But we think Miller (who had 11 sacks during the regular season) and the Broncos' NFL-leading defense will find a way to get its



hands on Newton, agility and all. We'll go the over here, but just barely.

**Our pick:** Over

## Steph Curry's outfit

There are a lot of bets unrelated to the outcome of the game and this is one of our favorites. North Carolina native and Panthers fan Stephen Curry will be at the game and in full Carolina garb. What will he be wearing? Personalized Carolina Steph Curry jersey: even-money; Cam Newton jersey: +300; any

other Carolina jersey: +500; no jersey: +200.

**Our pick:** Newton jersey — he's the MVP front-runner after all.

## Will there be an earthquake during the game?

This one pays 1,000-1. San Francisco is on the San Andreas Fault. The payout would be astronomical for a win, but we aren't rooting for a natural disaster during the Super Bowl.

**Our pick:** Please, God, no.

## Will Manning announce his retirement in the postgame press conference?

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We are guessing that he won't. While we think he'll retire, he'll probably need to give it some thought before announcing publicly. If

he wins, the likelihood is higher he will call it quits, but if Manning loses we can't imagine he'll retire in defeat.  
**The pick:** No (-1000)

#### Who wins?

The Panthers are six-point favorites and the numbers suggest they are a force to be

reckoned with both offensively and defensively. The combination of Carolina's potent run game with the momentum that is Newton at

QB will be just enough to best the Broncos' top-notch defense. And though Manning should keep it interesting early, the Broncos defense

won't have enough firepower to cover the spread. We're taking the Panthers with the points.  
**The pick:** Panthers, -6

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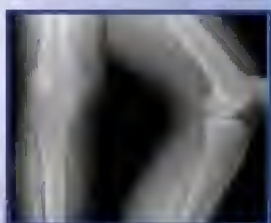
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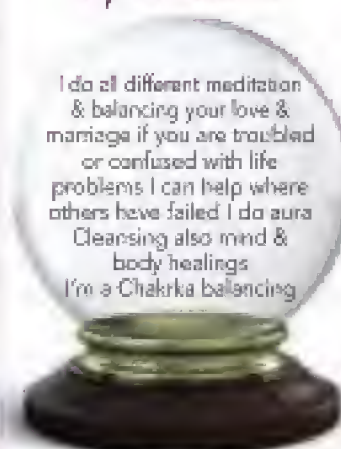


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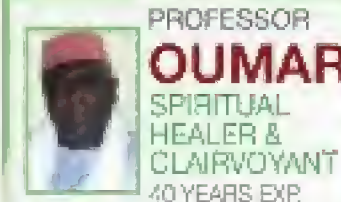
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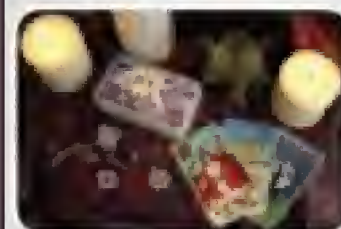
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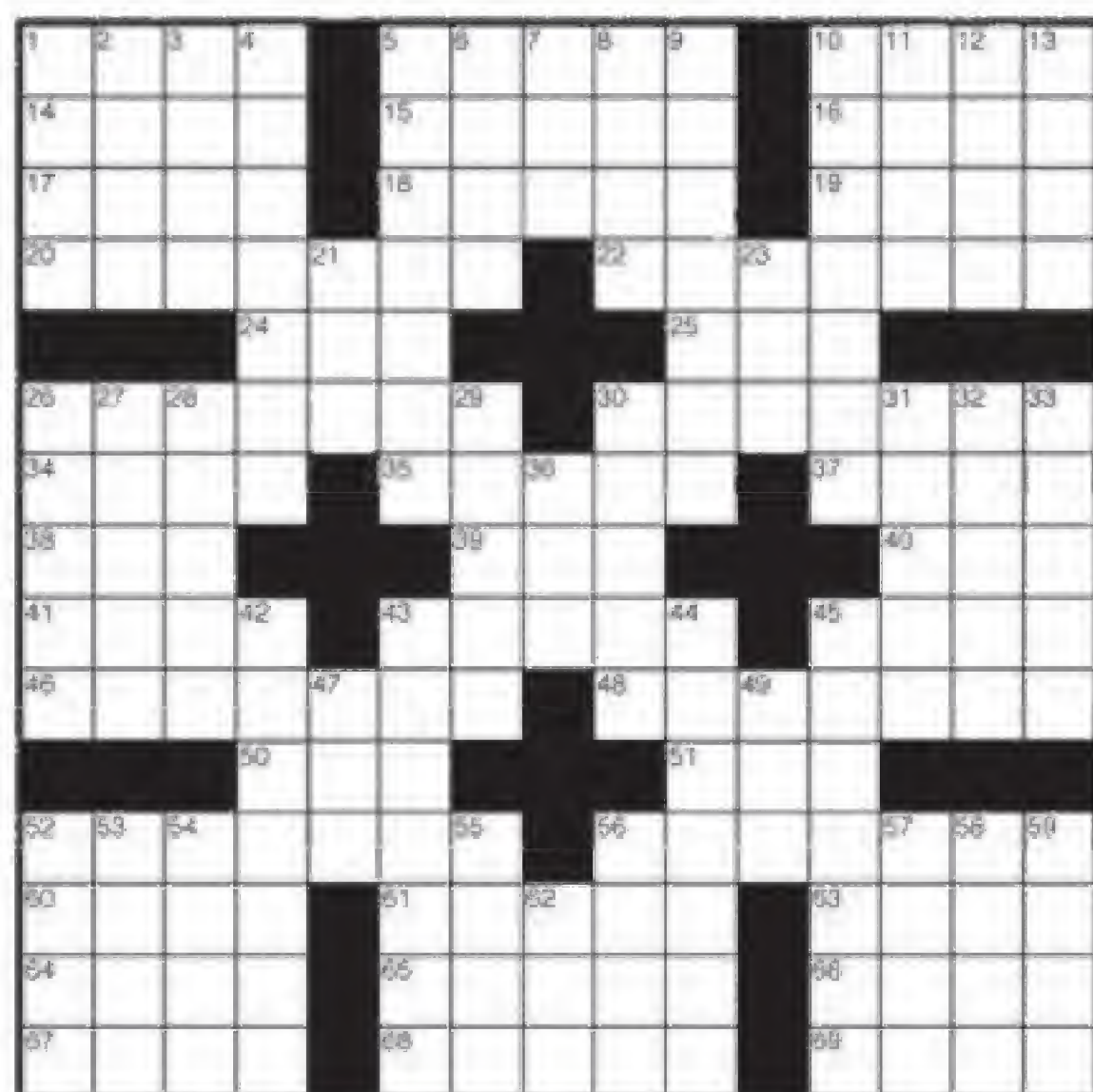
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**Taurus** If you try something new, you will improve your life. Romance is on the rise, and making plans with someone special will bring positive results.



**Gemini** Taking on a challenge will lead to healthier choices and improve your physical well-being. Your accomplishment will be noticed, and you will be encouraged to reach your goal.



**Cancer** Show interest in what other people are doing. Your interest and input will bring you closer together and lead to a collaboration that could become quite profitable.



**Leo** Strive to bring about change and add a little excitement to your life. Your ability to get things done with finesse and bravado will be entertaining and will draw influential attention.



**Virgo** Tread carefully when dealing with sensitive matters. Not everyone will like your disciplined ways. Be conscientious of others, but do not jeopardize your position.



**Libra** Listen to complaints and offer solutions. Taking matters into your own hands will empower you to move in a direction that suits your abilities.



**Scorpio** Discuss your ideas with someone who always gives you a unique point of view. You may not completely agree, but something will tweak your imagination and help you move forward.



**Sagittarius** Too much spending, indulging and overreacting will lead to trouble. You are best off staying at home and avoiding any situation that will put you in a vulnerable position.



**Capricorn** Share your findings with others. By taking the lead, you will control the outcome and impress someone you love. Romance is encouraged.

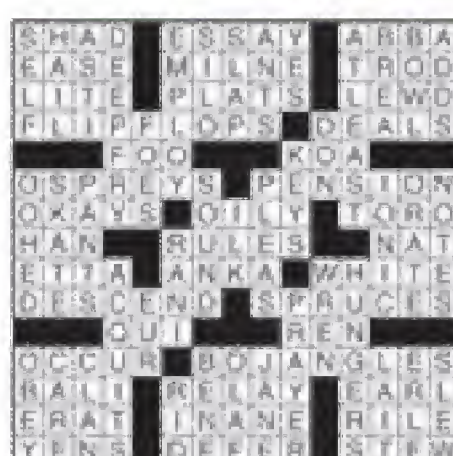


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